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The meeting was called to order at 4.05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 18: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (continued)

Omnibus draft resolution on the questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands (A/47/23 (Part VI), chap. X, para. 25; A/C.4/47/L.6, L.7 and L.8)

1. Mrs. TAHIR-KHELI (United States of America), introducing the amendments contained in documents A/C.4/47/L.6, L.7 and L.8, said that her Government was firmly committed to the principles of decolonization and self-determination in accordance with the Charter. To help implement those principles, the Committee should ensure that its resolutions regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories were at least factually correct. To that end, her delegation had proposed amendments to the sections of the omnibus resolution dealing with Guam, American Samoa and the United States Virgin Islands.

2. She regretted that no consensus had been reached on the amendments, inspite of an informal dialogue with certain delegations since June 1992. However, her Government saw no reason why the Committee should approve the resolutions before it, which contained material misstatements of fact, when it was fully capable of correcting them.

3. The amendments proposed should prove uncontroversial, as they were matters of record. For example, in the text dealing with American Samoa, it was noted that the new political status and Constitutional Review Commission had been created under an executive order signed by the Governor. Similarly, in the text on Guam, the addition of the phrase "continue to" to the paragraph dealing with the transfer of land to the people of the Territory only reflected the fact that thousands of acres of land had already been so transferred.

4. Her Government had taken care to propose non-confrontational amendments, and had been prepared to discuss them with any of the concerned delegations, but given the unwillingness of those delegations to do so, it had been compelled to put them before the Committee.

5. The Committee should, of course, take into account the views of the people of the Territories, and nothing in the United States amendments ran contrary to their interests. Her delegation was aware that the Governor of Guam had indicated, in a letter to the Committee, that he did not believe the proposed amendment regarding Guam enhanced the resolution. However, he had not addressed the substance of any of the amendments, which her delegation believed were primarily factual rather than political. The same was true of a letter (A/C.4/47/3) concerning the United States Virgin Islands received by the Committee from a person not an elected official of the Virgin Islands'

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Government and not qualified to speak on behalf of their people. Both letters were irregular inasmuch as there were established procedures whereby the Committee could seek the views of the Territories. Moreover, the elected representatives of American Samoa, Guam and the United States Virgin Islands had had an opportunity to comment on the amendments and none had raised any objection. Indeed, the representatives in the United States Congress of American Samoa and Guam had each written a letter noting misstatements in the resolutions regarding their Territories. She asked the Committee's support in adopting the amendments before it.

6. Mr. DIARRA (Mali) asked for a clarification on the proposed replacement, in document A/C.4/47/L.8, of paragraph 3, since the replacement paragraph did not appear to deal with the same subject.

7. Mrs. TAHIR-KHELI (United States of America) said that there was no error; the intention had been to delete the paragraph in question.

8. Mr. WAS (India) noted that there was a contradiction, in document A/C.4/47/L.8, between the amendment proposed to the ninth preambular paragraph, which spoke of "the district court judgeship", in the singular, and the amendment to operative paragraph 3, which spoke of "both district court judgeships".

9. Mrs. TAHIR-KHELI (United States of America) said that both references should have been to a single judgeship.

10. Mr. LOHIA (Papua New Guinea) said that the Committee must verify the facts in its resolutions. The parties concerned, especially the territorial Governments and the administering Powers, should work closely with one another and with the Fourth Committee and the Special Committee on decolonization. However, the United States delegation had refused to cooperate with the Special Committee since the beginning of the year. He hoped that the situation would not be repeated the following year and appealed to all administering Powers to avoid any repetition of it. Misstatements could have been avoided in the draft resolution if discussions had been held with the Territories concerned.

11. Government representatives from Guam and the United States Virgin Islands had asked the Fourth Committee to endorse the recommendations of the Special Committee on decolonization, and in view of the importance of the views of the Territories concerned, it might be better for an improved text to be considered when the Special Committee met again in February 1993.

12. He appealed officially to the administering Power to give serious consideration to deferring the proposals before the Fourth Committee so as to preserve its integrity. Appropriate consultations could then be held before the February session.

13. Miss AL-MULLA (Kuwait) noted that the last paragraph of resolution B I on American Samoa spoke of a period of 11 years that had elapsed since a United Nations Mission had visited the Territory and called upon the administering Power to facilitate the dispatch of such a mission, while the corresponding paragraph of resolution B VI, on Guam, made no such request even though in that case 13 years had elapsed. She wondered why there should be such a discrepancy.

14. Mrs. TAHIR-KHELI (United States of America) said that her Government had always been most forthcoming in the matter of visiting missions, which were considered on a case-by-case basis. In the Trusteeship Council, it had actually offered a visiting mission a chance to visit Palau. Moreover, her delegation was very pleased that the Chairman of the Special Committee had been one of those to go to Palau and in fact on the way there had visited Guam as well.

15. Mr. MORENO FERNANDEZ (Cuba) said that three aspects of the situation created by the submission of the United States amendments would affect the way his delegation voted on them. The first was that, as the Chairman of the Special Committee had indicated, the United States delegation had refused from the beginning of 1992 to cooperate with that Committee. Had the United States not taken that action, all the matters raised in the amendments could have been considered and discussed in good time and incorporated into the draft resolutions prepared by the Committee. Secondly, it was a fact that other representatives of the territories concerned, who cooperated systematically with the Special Committee, disagreed with the position the United States delegation had taken on the draft resolutions. For example, the Governor of Guam had expressed his support of the draft resolution on that Territory, and the Government of the Virgin Islands had informed the Special Committee that the Government supported the existing language of the draft resolution and considered that any further information should be presented to the Special Committee in 1993. Thirdly, in the light of the fact that the Special Committee had worked systematically over the past two years to improve its functions and had agreed on the procedure adopted, the fact that the United States was attempting at the last minute to alter a resolution approved by the Special Committee raised the question of whether its intention was not in fact to undermine the credibility of the Special Committee. His delegation believed that that was indeed the intention of the United States. In the light of those three factors, his delegation would be unable to support the amendments, regardless of their factual validity.

Draft resolution B I on American Samoa

Amendment to the third preambular paragraph (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 1)

16. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Iraq, Togo.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

17. The amendment was adopted by 67 votes to 2, with 44 abstentions.

18. Ms. MCHAPI (Lesotho) said that she had not intended to participate in the vote.

Amendment to paragraph 1, second line (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 2)

19. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

20. The amendment was adopted by 70 votes to none, with 41 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 2, second line (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 3 (a))

21. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Cuba, Iraq.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe.

22. The amendment was adopted by 71 votes to 2, with 38 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 2, fourth and fifth lines (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 3 (b))

23. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Costa Rica, Cuba, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Mali, Nicaragua.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Egypt, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.

24. The amendment was adopted by 54 votes to 9, with 42 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 3 (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 4)

25. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Cuba, Iraq.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

26. The amendment was adopted by 72 votes to 2, with 35 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 5 (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 5)

27. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Costa Rica, Cuba.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe.

28. The amendment was adopted by 55 votes to 2, with 44 abstentions.

Amendment to new paragraph 5, first line (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 6 (a))

29. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

30. The amendment was adopted by 62 votes to none, with 47 abstentions.

Amendment to new paragraph 5, second and third lines (A/C.4/47/L.6, para. 6 (b))

31. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Mali.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

32. The amendment was adopted by 55 votes to 4, with 49 abstentions.

Draft resolution B VI on Guam

Amendment to paragraph 1, first line (A/C.4/47/L.7, para. 1 (a))

33. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Iraq, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.

34. The amendment was adopted by 61 votes to 7, with 38 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 1, fifth line (A/C.4/47/L.7, para. 1 (b))

35. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Namibia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

36. The amendment was adopted by 51 votes to 13, with 44 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 2 (A/C.4/47/L.7, para. 2)

37. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

38. The amendment was adopted by 59 votes to 10, with 38 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 4 (A/C.4/47/L.7, para. 3)

39. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.

40. The amendment was adopted by 60 votes to 9, with 37 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 5 (A/C.4/47/L.7, para. 4)

41. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

42. The amendment was adopted by 58 votes to 9, with 40 abstentions.

43. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that, with the adoption of the amendment to paragraph 5, the words "be recognized and respected" should be deleted from the third line.

44. It was so decided.

Draft resolution B X on the United States Virgin Islands

Amendment to the ninth preambular paragraph (A/C.4/47/L.8, para. 1)

45. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden,

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46. The amendment was adopted by 64 votes to 8, with 34 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 2 (A/C.4/47/L.8, para. 2)

47. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Mali, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

48. The amendment was adopted by 49 votes to 10, with 46 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 3 (A/C.4/47/L.8, para. 3 (a))

49. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.

50. The amendment was adopted by 49 votes to 8, with 45 abstentions.

Amendment to paragraph 4 (A/C.4/47/L.8, para. 3 (b))

51. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

52. The amendment was adopted by 51 votes to 8, with 45 abstentions.

53. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that paragraph 5 should accordingly be renumbered as new paragraph 4.

Amendment to new paragraph 4, fifth line (A/C.4/47/L.8, para. 4 (a))

54. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

55. The amendment was adopted by 54 votes to 9, with 44 abstentions.

Amendment to new paragraph 4, sixth line (A/C.4/47/L.8, para. 4 (b))

56. A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe.

57. The amendment was adopted by 48 votes to 10, with 47 abstentions.

58. The CHAIRMAN said that former paragraph 6 should accordingly be renumbered as new paragraph 5.

59. Mrs. TAHIR-KHELI (United States of America) thanked the members of the Committee for their support and looked forward the following year either to having the Special Committee adopt a factual resolution or to having the Committee adopt a resolution on the item by consensus.

60. Mrs. CASTRO de BARISH (Costa Rica) said that her delegation had voted against the amendment to the fourth and fifth lines of paragraph 2 of the draft resolution on American Samoa because it felt that it was very important for an administering Power to create employment opportunities for the people of a Territory. It had also voted against the deletion of former paragraph 5 of that same resolution because it believed that economic assistance was needed to alleviate the hurricane devastation in American Samoa.

61. It had voted against the amendment to the fifth line of paragraph 1 of the draft resolution on Guam because it had felt that the language of the Charter should have been retained.

62. With regard to the draft resolution on the United States Virgin Islands, it had abstained on the amendments to the ninth preambular paragraph, paragraph 2 and paragraph 3 because it had had doubts about them. It had

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voted against the amendment to the sixth line of new paragraph 4 of that resolution because it believed that financial assistance should be provided as necessary.

63. Mr. DIARRA (Mali) said, with regard to the amendments to the draft resolution on American Samoa, that his delegation had voted against the deletion of the fourth and fifth lines of paragraph 2 because they had expressed the Charter obligation of the administering Power to promote the political, social and economic well-being of the people of the Territory. It had also voted against the deletion of the second and third lines of new paragraph 5 because Mali considered visiting missions to be the surest means of obtaining information in dependent Territories, especially when the administering Power had decided not to participate in the work of the Special Committee.

64. With regard to the amendments to the draft resolution on the United States Virgin Islands, it had voted against the amendment to paragraph 2 because the original paragraph 2 had expressed a constant principle espoused by the Special Committee that the people of Territories had the right to dispose of their own resources as they saw fit.

65. Mr. NASIER (Indonesia) said that his delegation has abstained on all the proposed amendments, not because of any objection in principle, but becuase it felt that the amendments proposed should have been submitted to the Special Committee, so that a consensus resolution could have been put before the Fourth Committee. He appealed to the administering Power to resume cooperation in future with the Special Committee.

66. The omnibus draft resolution on small Territories (A/47/23 (Part VI), chap. X, para. 25) as a whole, as amended, was adopted without a vote.

67. Mr. EVANS (United Kingdom), expressing satisfaction that the resolution had been adopted by consensus and included the amendments of the United States delegation, said that his delegation wished to speak in explanation of position on the Territories of Anguilla and Bermuda. The Committee had correctly recognized that there was no significant pressure for independence in Anguilla and that the Government of Anguilla had excluded the possibility of independence during its term of office. The United Kingdom had no doubt that it was discharging its obligations to the people of Anguilla in full.

68. It was inconceivable to the United Kingdom that the presence of military bases in Bermuda could in any way constitute an obstacle to the granting of independence, and it had no doubt that it was discharging its obligations to the people of Bermuda in full.

COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

69. The CHAIRMAN, after summarizing the work done by the Fourth Committee at the current session, said that there seemed to be consensus that the process

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of decolonization should be brought to a conclusion, in fulfilment of the will of the international community and the objectives and responsibilities of the United Nations under the Charter and in fulfilment of the wishes and aspirations of the peoples and Territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applied. Many delegations had stressed that a new stage was beginning in international relations and that the changes which were taking place would strengthen democracy, development, the well-being of peoples and cooperation among nations. The new international climate would surely enhance the process of decolonization, and it was to be hoped that it would culminate by the end of the United Nations Decade for the Elimination of Colonialism.

70. After an exchange of courtesies, in which Mr. PEERTHUN (Mauritius), Mr. AL-SHAMSI (United Arab Emirates), Mr. HASSANOV (Azerbaijan), Mr. MANZANARES VELOZ (Venezuela) and Mr. SERRANO (Spain) spoke on behalf of their respective groups of States, the CHAIRMAN declared that the Fourth Committee had concluded its work for the forty-seventh session.

The meeting rose at 6.40 p.m.